

House Resolution 1923

By: Representatives Jacobs of the 80th, Chambers of the 81st, Oliver of the 83rd, Millar of the 79th, and Jennings of the 82nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on the Restructuring of DeKalb County Government;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, DeKalb County's form of government is unique in the state of Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, the local Act of the General Assembly which established this unique form of
5 county government and fixed the powers and duties of the officers constituting the governing
6 authority was enacted in 1981 (Ga. L.1981, p. 4304); and

7 WHEREAS, many portions of the local Act may be amended only after approval by the
8 voters of DeKalb County in a referendum; and

9 WHEREAS, DeKalb County's form of government was adopted after careful study by
10 several committees, political representatives, and civic organizations; and

11 WHEREAS, DeKalb County has been through many changes in the nearly 25 years since the
12 adoption of its form of government, and the time has come for another careful study to
13 determine if a reorganization of the county's government could provide a government more
14 representative of the county's citizens and more efficient in the delivery of government
15 services for the citizens of the county; and

16 WHEREAS, the citizens of DeKalb County would be well served if a distinguished
17 committee took a critical look at what changes, if any, might best serve the residents of the
18 county.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 there is created the House Study Committee on the Restructuring of DeKalb County
21 Government. The committee shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the Speaker

1 of the House of Representatives who shall be members who make up the DeKalb County
2 delegation in the House. The members of the committee shall determine by majority vote
3 who shall serve as chairperson of the committee. The committee shall work in cooperation
4 with any similar committee established by the Senate. The chairperson shall call all meetings
5 of the committee.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of the conditions,
7 needs, issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action
8 or legislation the committee deems necessary or appropriate. The committee may conduct
9 such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to
10 enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the
11 objectives and purposes of this resolution. The committee shall, whenever possible, meet
12 with any similar committee established by the Senate. The legislative members of the
13 committee shall receive the allowance provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official
14 Code of Georgia Annotated. All funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution
15 shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives. The expenses and
16 allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the
17 committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. In the event the
18 committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for
19 proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December 1, 2006. The
20 committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2006.